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GREAT MAN—GREAT PRESIDENT

Speak softly and carry a big stick; you will go far . . .
 No amount of speaking softly will save any people which
 does not carry a big stick.

Those were possibly the most famous words ever
 uttered by one of the most respected, admired and beloved
 of U. S. Presidents: Theodore Roosevelt.

The 100th anniversary of the great T. R.'s birth is
 being observed around the nation
 today. Incidentally, he was born
 right here in New York City—
 Oct. 27, 1858.



Theodore Roosevelt
 (1858-1919)

President Roosevelt's life
 story can be an inspiration to any-
 one who knows even its barest
 outlines—and the more you know
 of it, the more inspiring it is.

In his childhood, he was a
 pathetic little victim of asthma
 and extreme near-sightedness.
 Such afflictions have been unbeatable
 handicaps to many people.
 Roosevelt took them as a chal-
 lenge to his American and Dutch-
 descent courage, and built himself
 into a powerful man physically.

He became a national hero as leader of the famous
 Rough Riders cavalry regiment in the Spanish-American
 War (1898). On his return from that short conflict, he
 was elected Governor of New York, then Vice President.
 He succeeded to the Presidency on the death by assassina-
 tion of William McKinley, Sept. 14, 1901.

In the White House, he practiced his "big stick"
 preachment with notable success. His most dramatic act
 was the sending (1907-09) of the 16-battleship Great White
 Fleet around the world, for other nations to look at whilst
 thinking whatever thoughts occurred to them.

Yet Roosevelt was no warmonger, as evidenced by his
 winning of the Nobel Peace Prize for settling the 1904-05
 Russo-Japanese War.

The "speak softly and carry a big stick" principle is
 still used from time to time by U. S. foreign policy makers.
 It has been applied recently by President Eisenhower and
 Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, in blandly but firmly
 sending troops and ships to smother a couple of brush fires

The Inquiring
Fotographer

By JIMMY JEMAIL

The News will pay \$10 for each
 question accepted for this column.
 Today's award goes to Mrs. R. H.
 Whitaker, 47 Linden St., Hacken-
 sack, N. J.

THE QUESTION

Today marks the 100th Anni-
 versary of the birth of Teddy
 Roosevelt. Where would you rate
 him among the great Presidents?

WHERE ASKED

Manhattan and Queens.

THE ANSWERS

Mrs. Benjamin Black, New

York and Palm Beach: "With
 Washington and Lincoln. Wash-
 ington was the father of our
 country and Lincoln saved it
 from division. Teddy Roosevelt
 saved our country economi-
 cally. But for
 the antitrust laws which he
 sponsored, America, today, would
 be owned by a few rich families."

Charles A. Francell, Great
 Neck, bank official: "On a par
 with his cousin,
 in ability,
 Franklin D.
 Roosevelt, but
 with a decided
 difference in dis-
 position. Teddy
 Roosevelt was
 fiercely patri-
 otic. America
 was his sole
 concern. FDR
 had the world at heart and took
 us into war against Fascism."

Patricia Cappella, Manhattan,
 society dancer:

"Before Teddy's
 time, the United
 States had a
 small Army and
 Navy. Teddy
 built the Navy,
 sent it around
 the world and
 made the United
 States a world
 power. Teddy
 with the soft
 voice and big
 stick is among the most beloved
 of our Presidents."

George W. Duffy, Rosedale,
 bank official:
 "I rank Abra-
 ham Lincoln
 first, George
 Washington sec-
 ond, Thomas
 Jefferson third
 and Teddy
 Roosevelt
 fourth. Actual-
 ly, Lincoln was
 the greatest
 genius. But the
 United States
 started its real greatness under
 Teddy Roosevelt."

Frank J. Mahoney, Elmhurst,
 real estate: "If
 we had had a
 President like
 Teddy Roosevelt
 through the
 terms of Wood-
 row Wilson and
 Franklin D.
 Roosevelt, we
 would be spared
 the headaches
 we have today.
 In Westminster
 Abbey, there's
 a monument to FDR alongside
 that of Major Andre, the British
 spy."

Louis Principe, 46th St., Long
 Island City,
 store owner:
 "I'd rank him at
 the very top
 with George
 Washington and
 Abraham Lin-
 coln. The three
 are really re-
 sponsible for
 America's
 greatness. The
 only big mistake
 he made was in
 splitting the Republican Party
 with his Bull Moose Party which
 allowed Wilson to be elected."



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